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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEEWendy R Oliver, Clerk  
U.S. District Court  
W.D. OF TN, Memphis**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF A MERIT SELECTION  
PANEL TO CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENT  
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
CHARMIANE G. CLAXTON**Admin. Order No. 2024-31

The current term of the Honorable Charmiane G. Claxton, United States Magistrate Judge is due to expire in May 2025. In consideration of this event and in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Magistrates Act, as amended (28 U.S.C. § 631 *et seq.*), the District Judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee hereby appoint the following residents to serve as a Merit Selection Panel:

**CLARENCE WILBON, ATTORNEY, CHAIR****MICHAEL SCHOLL, ATTORNEY****MICHELLE KIMBRIL-PARKS, ATTORNEY****TANJA THOMPSON, ATTORNEY****FREDERICK DOUGLAS, ATTORNEY****BERT SMYTHE, NON-ATTORNEY****JOELLEN SULLIVAN, NON-ATTORNEY**

The Merit Selection Panel shall review the incumbent's current service as magistrate judge, the comments from members of the bar and public, and other evidence of the incumbent's good character, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law. The panel shall report to the court, within ninety days after the date of this order, its recommendation as to whether Magistrate Judge Charmiane G. Claxton should be reappointed to an additional term of office.

At its September 13, 2016 session, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved new regulations related to the selection and appointment of magistrate judges which can be found at Volume 3, Chapter 4 of the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*. Specifically, at § 420.30.10(c)–(d)(1), members of a merit selection panel must be given written notice that in order for a merit

selection panel member to be considered for a magistrate judge position, one year must have elapsed between the application deadline for the position and the earlier of: (1) date when the panel of service submitted its report to the court; or, (2) the date when a former member resigned from the panel.

The Clerk of Court is directed to cause to be published public notice regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Charmiane G. Claxton. The notice shall be published as specified in the *Guide to Judiciary Policy* and shall be filed and posted in the office of the Clerk of Court and provided to the Director of the Administrative Office.

**FOR THE COURT**, this 29th day of October, 2024.

s/ Sheryl H. Lipman  
SHERYL H. LIPMAN  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE